



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 20, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The followings items were called up for consideration:

Revised ordinance for adoption amending the County Code, Title 2, adding Chapter 2.01 - Interim Governance Structure, which delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer additional responsibilities for the administration of the County, including the oversight, evaluation and recommendation for appointment and removal of specified Department Heads and County Officers, and which enacts a non-intrusion clause applicable to individual Board members and their deputies. This ordinance anticipates a charter amendment to permanently enact a similar measure, and will sunset upon the certification of the results of the election on such measure that is substantially similar to that set forth in this ordinance.

Consideration of Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to adopt the ordinance on a six-month basis as a pilot program, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board on the total cost of implementing the ordinance on a six-month pilot basis.

Consideration of Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to exempt the Fire Department, and the Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning and Parks and Recreation from the non-intrusion clause when assisting constituents.

Peter Baxter, Alan Clayton and Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“As the elected representatives of residents of County unincorporated areas, County Supervisors frequently are asked to provide constituent services. Many times the issues involve public safety or quality of life issues. In order to continue to provide efficient and effective services to constituents, it is vital for Board offices to have direct access to certain County departments.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion to exempt the following County Department Heads from the non-intrusion clause when assisting constituents:

- Fire Department
- Public Works
- Regional Planning
- Parks and Recreation

After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich revised his motion to exempt only the Fire Chief from the non-intrusion clause when assisting constituents. Supervisor Knabe seconded the motion.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a substitute motion, seconded by Supervisor Burke, to request the Chief Administrative Officer to report back by May 1, 2007 with a recommendation for the charter amendment on which Department Heads will report to the Chief Administrative Officer. Said motion failed to carry by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Burke; Noes: Supervisors Molina, Knabe and Antonovich.

Although said motion failed, David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that he will be reporting to the Board on May 1, 2007 regarding his proposed organizational structure.

After further discussion of Supervisor Antonovich's foregoing amendment to the proposed ordinance, the Board approved exclusion of the Fire Chief from the oversight, evaluation and recommendation for appointment and removal of specified department heads and officers, by the Chief Administrative Officer; instructed County Counsel to interlineate the ordinance to reflect the amendment; and tabled the reading of the ordinance to allow County Counsel the appropriate time to revise the ordinance. Said motion was duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Knabe and Antonovich; Noes: Supervisors Burke and Yaroslavsky.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich.

“The Chief Administrative Officer has acknowledged that the new governance model will require additional funding. Because the model has not been fully vetted, the cost is unknown. This Board requires all Departments to submit budgets through the CAO, which include a detailed analysis and justification for the budget request. The ‘restructuring of the CAO’ should be treated with the same scrutiny.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion to adopt the ordinance on a 6-month basis as a pilot program, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board on the total cost of implementing this ordinance on a pilot basis. Said motion failed for lack of a second.

Later in the meeting, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Knabe, and Yaroslavsky; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board introduced, waived reading and ordered placed on the agenda for adoption the attached ordinance entitled, “An ordinance amending Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Chapter 2.01 - Interim Governance Structure, to amend the administrative governance structure of the County as an interim measure pending the consideration of an amendment to the Los Angeles County Charter making a similar governance structure permanent,” as amended by the foregoing action.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel